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1. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. BINGHAM STILL PLANNING ARRIVE LENINGRAD AFTERNOON OF MARCH 29. ASSUMING ORIGINAL SCHEDULING, CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. NEUBERT INVITE BINGHAMS TO STAY WITH THEM AT THEIR RESIDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. AS SCHEDULED, CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S VISIT TO LENINGRAD WILL BE CONFINED TO WEEKEND AND THIS EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDES MEETINGS WITH SOVIET

OFFICIALS HERE. HOWEVER, CONSUL GENERAL PROPOSES TO HOST DINNER AT RESIDENCE EVENING OF MARCH 29 AT WHICH REPRESENTATIVE LENINGRAD OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITED. SOME OF THESE, EG, HEAD OF LENINGRAD BRANCH OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY AND ELEKTROSILA FACTORY DIRECTOR, WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF TRADE OF INTEREST TO CONGRESSMAN. ONLY CAVEAT IS THEIR AVAILABILITY ON A WEEKEND EVENING SINCE MANY OFFICIALS REGARD WEEKENDS AS SACRED TIME AT DACHA, ETC. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST REGARDING CONGRESSMAN'S INTEREST IN DINNER EVENT. SUNDAY, MARCH 30, WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR CONGRESSMAN AND WIFE TO TOUR HERMITAGE MUSEUM AND VISIT OUTLYING AREAS SUCH AS PUSHKIN AND PAVLOVSK.

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